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Proposition 63- the Mental Health Services Act, has enabled us to begin addressing the historically under funded mental health needs of Los Angeles County. In order to promptly expedite programs and services outlined in the community driven and board approved Mental Health Services Plan; DMH, in respects to the Full Service Partnership Program, has proposed establishing a pre-qualified list of service providers with demonstrated staff expertise, service capacity, and financial wherewithal who can apply to and immediately begin service in response to future Request for Service (RFS) postings. This approach makes sense, however there are two outstanding issues: 1) there exists many community based providers who have both contributed to planning, and have desire to provide these services but do not currently meet the criteria outlined in the Request for Service Qualifications (RFSQ); and 2) the long term need for service will eventually exceed even this great resource and thus further exacerbating the exclusion of the small to mid size organizations.

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DMH must develop a mechanism to foster partnership between the larger, pre-qualified providers with other viable community based organizations that need further development in capacity and/or financial viability. A way to assure this collaboration is to include provisions in future RFS and Scope of Work, to encourage or require large providers to partner or mentor with potential future service providers. There may also be other means to reach this goal, and DMH should explore those options and inform the Board of Supervisors of ways to accomplishing this goal.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT the Director of Mental Health report back within 30 days, or one week prior to the release of the first Request for Services for Full Service Partnerships, on a plan:

- 1) To incorporate provisions into future Request for Services and Statement of Work to encourage and ensure partnerships; and
- 2) To provide forward thinking strategies to increase and thus make more inclusive the pool of competent and eligible service providers who can respond to future mental health endeavors at all levels of service.

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